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1. MADRID PRESS AUG 2 CARRIED OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY CIFRA DESPATCH FROM EL AAIUN REPORTING MEETING OF SAHARA GENERAL ASSEMBLY JULY 28. ASSEMBLY RATIFIED ITS PREVIOUS ACTION OF FEB 20, REQUESTING FRANCO START PREPARATIONS FOR SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION. IN THE RECENT SESSION ASSEMBLY ALSO ORGANIZED ITSELF INTO VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

2. FULL TEXT OF CIFRA DESPATCH TRANSLATES AS FOLLOWS: "LAST JULY 28 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE PAST ELECTIONS, UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF JATRI U. SAID U. YUMANI, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. "ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE VICE PRESIDENT AHAMAED BABA U. HASENNA U. AHAMED BABA AND THE REST OF 102 MEMBERS WHO RATIFIED,

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AFTER ITS READING, THE DOCUMENT APPROVED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY

SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST FEB 20 AND ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE CHIEF OF STATE. (REPORTED MADRID 936.)

4. "IN THE SAME SESSION, COMMITTEES WERE FORMED WITH MEMBERS NAMED FOR EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRY, HEALTH, HOUSING, PUBLIC WORKS, WELLS AND WATER, TOURISM, DOCUMENTATION, AND A NEW COMMITTEE ON KORANIC JUSTICE".

5. COMMENT: COMING ON HEELS OF AGADIR SUMMIT, EL AAIUN ASSEMBLY ACTION APPEARS DESIGNED REAFFIRM GOS AND SPANISH SAHARAN INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH OWN PROGRAM FOR EVENTUAL SELF-DETERMINATION, REJECTING OUTSIDE PRESSURE.

6. THIS IS FIRST REPORT EMBASSY HAS SEEN REGARDING FORMATION OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES. FURTHER ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION SEEN AS INDICATION ADDITIONAL GRADUAL MOVEMENT TOWARD "ADMINISTRATIVE DECENTRALIZATION", I.E., MORE LOCAL INPUT IN DEALING WITH SAHARAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ACTION AT THIS TIME MAY ALSO BE RELATED TO ACTIVITY IN UNCMTE OF 24 REPORTED REF B.
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